

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

~~There are provided~~ A zoom lens and imaging apparatus implementing four lens groups including a first lens group G1 having a positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having a negative refractive power, a third lens group G3 having a positive refractive power, and a fourth lens group G4 having a positive refractive power, ~~sequentially arranged from an object side.~~ When a positional state of lenses is varied from a wide-angle-end state to a telephoto-end state, the second lens group is moved to an image side, and the fourth lens group is moved for to compensating a variation in a position of an image plane for image plane variation caused by the movement of the second lens group, ~~and the first lens group and the third lens group are fixed along the optical axis.~~ ~~An aperture stop S is disposed at the object side of the third lens group. The third lens group includes a negative sub-lens group having a negative refractive power, and a positive sub-lens group disposed at the image side of the negative sub-lens group with an airspace interposed therebetween, the positive sub-lens group having a positive refractive power. In addition, the following conditional expression (1) is satisfied:~~

~~— (1) $0.4 < Da/TL < 0.5$~~

~~— where Da is a distance between the aperture stop and the image plane, and TL is an overall optical length (distance between a lens surface at the most object side in a lens system and the position of the image plane, along the optical axis).~~